



Celebrations 2022

19th / 20th November

Vinnies Giving Tree - placed in Mass Centres

Blessing of Cribs ~ 3rd Sunday of Advent

Saturday	10 December	6pm OLM
Sunday	11 December	9am SHC and 11am OLM

Parish Christmas Carols in the Courtyard

Sunday	11 December	6:00pm - 9:00pm Sacred Heart Church Courtyard
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****Coffee and Food Vans available****

****All Parishioners and visitors are Welcome. Kindly bring your own chairs/rugs.**

Sunday	18 December	SHC Community Christmas Party after 9am Mass
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Reconciliation (Confessions)

Sunday	18 December	SHC Hindmarsh - (After 9:00am Mass)
Wednesday	21 December	OLM Findon - (After 6:00pm Mass)

Christmas Eve

Saturday	24 December	6.00pm	OLM Findon (Children's Liturgy)**
		7.15pm	SHC Hindmarsh (Children's Liturgy)**
		Midnight	SHC Hindmarsh (Carols at 11.30pm followed by Mass)

****Families attending the children's Christmas Liturgies are encouraged to dress their children in costumes appropriate to the season e.g. Angels, shepherds, wise men/women etc.**

Christmas Day

Sunday	25 December	9.00am	SHC Hindmarsh (English)
		10.00am	OLM Findon - Note time change

Friday	30 December	9.15am	OLM Findon - <i>Feast of Holy Family</i>
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New Year's Day Mass – Feast of the Solemnity of Mary

Saturday	31 December	6.00pm	OLM - Findon (Vigil Mass - New Year's Eve)
Sunday	1 January	9.00am	SHC - Hindmarsh
		11.00am	OLM - Findon

Feast of the Epiphany

Saturday	7 January	6:00pm	OLM - Findon (Vigil Mass)
Sunday	8 January	9:00am	SHC - Hindmarsh
		11:00am	OLM - Findon

****The Parish Office will close on Friday 23rd December 2022 and re-open on Tuesday 3 January 2022**
The Parish Office Team wish you and your loved ones a Happy and Holy Christmas and Blessings for the New Year.



WELCOME TO SACRED HEART PARISH HINDMARSH-FINDON

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IN THE CHARISM OF THE HEART OF CHRIST
 'May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be everywhere loved'



PARISH VISION STATEMENT

As a people who believe and trust in the love of God for us, revealed in the heart of Jesus, we live out this love in a welcoming and inclusive community that provides life-giving support and service to all people.

YOU ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US FOR MASS

◇ Monday	19 Dec	8:00 pm	Simbang gabi Traditional Filipino Mass , SHC Hindmarsh
◇ Tuesday	20 Dec	12:15 pm	Mass at Sacred Heart Church, (SHC) Hindmarsh
◇ Wednesday	21 Dec	6:00 pm	Mass and Adoration at Our Lady of the Manger Church, (OLM) Findon
◇ Wednesday 21 Dec		Reconciliation after 6:00 pm Mass at Our Lady of the Manger Church, (OLM) Findon	
◇ Friday	23 Dec	9:15 am	Mass at Our Lady of the Manger Church, (OLM) Findon

Christmas Eve

◇ Saturday	24 Dec	6:00 pm	Mass, Children's Liturgy at Our Lady of the Manger Church, (OLM) Findon
		7:15 pm	Mass, Children's Liturgy at Sacred Heart Church (SHC) Hindmarsh
		Midnight	Mass at Sacred Heart Church (SHC) Hindmarsh (Carols from 11:30pm)

Christmas Day

◇ Sunday	25 Dec	9:00 am	Mass at Sacred Heart Church, (SHC) Hindmarsh
◇ Sunday	25 Dec	10:00 am	Mass at Our Lady of the Manger Church (OLM), Findon (Note time change)



18 December 2022

4th Sunday of Advent

Year A

Responsorial Psalm

Let the Lord enter; He is King of glory.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

A virgin will give birth to a son; his name will be Emmanuel:

God is with us. (Mt 1:23)

Alleluia!

Today's Readings:

Isaiah 7:10-14

Ps 23:1-6

Romans 1:1-7

Matthew 1:18-24

Mass Intentions

6.00pm Vigil

Parish

9.00am SHC

Parish

11:00am OLM

Thanksgiving Mass Michelle D'Souza

OUR CHURCHES

Sacred Heart Church (SHC)

252 Port Road, Hindmarsh

Our Lady of the Manger (OLM)

176 Crittenden Road, Findon



"Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her. She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." Matthew 1:20-21

As we begin the Fourth Week of Advent, we focus ever more directly upon the miracle that took place over 2,000 years ago. The passage quoted above presents us with the words of the angel of the Lord who spoke to Joseph in a dream. This was one of four dreams that Joseph had in which an angel spoke to him concerning the Christ Child.

Saint Joseph is described in Matthew's Gospel as "a righteous man" who was unwilling to expose his betrothed wife, Mary, to shame. We know the story well. Mary became pregnant after being betrothed to Joseph but before they lived together, and Joseph didn't understand how this happened. Mary's virtue and goodness would have appeared to contradict the possibility of her becoming pregnant when she did. Joseph was planning on doing what he thought was the honorable thing. He decided to divorce her quietly so that she would not endure public shame.

But God's plan was so much greater than what Joseph could initially comprehend. The Incarnation of the Son of God within the womb of his betrothed required supernatural understanding. And that's what Joseph was given. Though he had a dream in which an angel spoke to him, a dream was not enough. The dream also needed to be accompanied by the gift of supernatural knowledge. Joseph listened in the dream and believed by the interior revelation of faith that this incredible reality was true. This Child was indeed conceived by the Holy Spirit within the virginal womb of his betrothed, and Joseph accepted his God-given responsibility.

Joseph's witness is one to ponder and be inspired by. First, it's essential that we ponder the story as it happened and be inspired by God's singularly unique plan by which He took on our human nature. But Joseph also provides us with inspiration for our own callings in life. Joseph inspires us to face any and every mystery in life that we encounter with the utmost trust in God. God's wisdom and ways are always far beyond ours. Very often in life, God will call us to walk an unknown and mysterious path. Life does not always make perfect sense from a purely rational perspective. Very often, we must allow our human reason to be informed and led by God's supernatural plan. For each of us, this mysterious path will be different. But if we are to walk by the same faith that Saint Joseph had, then we must always be willing to accept the most sublime mysteries in life and allow God's revealing Word to clarify them.

Reflect, today, upon any way that you feel challenged by life's circumstances. What tempts you to doubt, to be confused, or to feel uncertain? What is it that requires supernatural knowledge on your part to embrace? If God the Father chose to bring forth His divine Son in such a mysterious way, then we should not be surprised when God calls us to embrace similar mysteries in life. Walk by faith. Be inspired by Saint Joseph. Say "Yes" to that which God is asking of you. As you do, you will find that you will begin to walk down the most glorious road you can walk. *Courtesy of My Catholic Life*

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Parish Priest - Father Lancy D'Silva CSC

December 2022

17/18 Dec 4th Sunday of Advent (Peace) Fr Lancy's 20th year of Priestly Ordination, 50th Birthday & Community Christmas Celebrations SHC Kyton's Christmas Fundraiser Collection of goods Reconciliation after 9am Mass SCH

19 Dec Simbang gabi: Traditional Filipino Mass leading towards Christmas 8pm SHC Reconciliation after 6pm Mass OLM

21 Dec 24 Dec Christmas Eve 6pm Mass at OLM Children's Liturgy 7:15pm Mass at SHC Children's Liturgy Midnight Mass at SHC (Carols from 11:30pm)

25 Dec Christmas Day 9am Mass at SHC (English) 10am Mass at OLM (**Note time change**)

26 Dec 27 Dec 28 Dec 30 Dec St Steven, First Martyr St John, Apostle and Evangelist Holy Innocents, Martyrs Feast of the Holy Family Mass at 9:15am OLM Findon

31 Dec Feast of the Solemnity of Mary Mass at 6pm OLM Findon New Year's Eve

January 2023 01 Jan Feast of the Solemnity of Mary 9am Mass at SHC Hindmarsh 11am Mass at OLM Findon

07 Jan Feast of the Epiphany 6pm Mass at OLM Findon (Vigil)

08 Jan 9am Mass at SHC Hindmarsh 11 am Mass at OLM Findon



From the Archdiocese

Mary MacKillop Museum Gift Shop Special Christmas gift stall during December. Handcrafted cards for Christmas, birthdays, anniversaries, bereavements, sacraments (Baptism, Confirmation, First Reconciliation, Communion and Marriage) Most of the above items are also available on online: www.marymackillopdeladeide.org.au

Adelaide Diocesan Centre - Closure Over Christmas/New Year Period The Diocesan Centre will be closed from 5pm on Tuesday December 20, 2022 and will recommence normal business hours on Tuesday January 3, 2023.

Damascus Spiritual Leaders Program Part-time in Feb-Nov 2023 - either in person or online - through Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation. Designed for people in various positions of leadership, spiritual formation and parish or outreach ministries.

The Southern Cross - No January Edition As usual, there will be no edition of The Southern Cross published in January. Our first issue for 2023 will be available in parishes on the weekend of February 4/5 and online from February 6.

Synodality and Mission: Sr Nathalie Becquart in Adelaide February 1, 2023, Grange Golf Course 5:30pm (dinner) 6:30-8:30pm Program Sr Nathalie Becquart is the Undersecretary for the General Synod in the Vatican which is responsible for the organisation of the 2023-24 Global Synod on Synodality.

A child's smile. A mother's joy. Yours to give this Christmas. Christmas is a time of miracles - of hope and renewal. Throughout rural Vietnam, children and families living with disabilities, like Mrs Lan and her children Quan and Loah, are less likely to be employed, and children are less likely to go to school.

Please join Caritas Australia's wonderful community of generous supporters this Christmas in giving loving parents of children with disabilities the incredible gift of seeing their children smile.

Parish Fundraising Committee

Do you have 2 hours to spare once a month? The Parish community is putting together a Fundraising committee to help plan functions to raise funds towards our building project.



Can you Help with Carparking during Soccer Matches ?

Soccer matches at Coopers Stadium are opportunities for the parish to raise funds by allowing visitors to park in the parish carpark at Sacred Heart Church.



We want YOU! Vinnies are looking for volunteers. If you would like to join this wonderful organisation, and help to make a difference in the lives of others, please contact Sandra Bahlij 0402894613.



Giving Tree

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our Vinnies Giving Tree, helping to support those who are less fortunate this Christmas. On behalf of Vinnies, thank you so much for your support and generosity.



Christmas Eve Masses with Children's Focus:

6:00pm at OLM 7:15pm at SHC. There will be a short practice on Tues Dec 20th at 6pm at SHC for children who wish to be involved in this Mass.



Mass & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Please note that there will be no 6:30pm Mass and Adoration at SHC Hindmarsh, during the month of January. There will also be no Tuesday Masses the week of Christmas and New Year, 27th Dec & 3rd Jan



St Eufemia Society Festa

The St Eufemia Tridium of Masses will begin on the 2nd of February 2023. Masses will run each evening, 2nd, 3rd and 4th Feb from 7pm at SHC Hindmarsh. The St Eufemia Festa will be held on February 5th 2023 at Flinder's Park Football Club, Hartley Road, beginning with a Procession from 10:30am and concluding at 9pm.



If you would like to make a Christmas Offering, please note that envelopes are now available in the foyer / back of the church. Thank you!



Many thanks to all who contributed to our Parish Carols' Evening last Sunday. Despite the shower of rain that took us inside the Church, it was a lovely evening.



We especially thank:

All of our talented musicians and singers, together with those who co-ordinated this full programme, displaying the diverse talents of many of our parishioners. Those who provided food: Trevor and Suchitha from Pangaea Kitchen, and Tony Jesse in his Coffee Van: for their generosity in donating profits from their stalls to our community;

The December edition of the Southern Cross will be inserted in The Advertiser on December 17 with free copies provided to parishioners this weekend.



It is the beautiful task of Advent to awaken in all of us memories of goodness and thus to open doors of hope. - Pope Benedict XVI

This weekend heralds the fourth weekend of our Advent season. In each Mass centre, over the four weeks of Advent, a new candle will be lit—marking our journey to Christmas.

The Advent Wreath of evergreen, is shaped in a perfect circle to symbolise the eternity of God. Four candles, one for each week in Advent, symbolise the coming of Christ, with one larger white candle in the middle as the Christ candle.

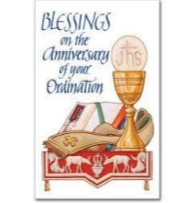


Today we light the fourth candle and listen for the word of PEACE. We listen for stories where people stop hurting each other and start helping, for words of peace from leaders, that they may unite people and give them hope.

Lighting of the fourth Advent candle

"Come quickly, shalom, teach us how to prepare, for a gift that compels us with justice to care. Our spirits are restless till sin and war cease. This candle is lit for the reign of God's peace."

Congratulations Father Lancy!



On Tuesday 13th December, Father Lancy celebrated his 50th Birthday! This weekend, Father also celebrates his 20th year of Priestly Ordination. Congratulations Father on such wonderful and significant events in your life.



Reconciliation

Sunday 18th December—SHC, Hindmarsh After the 9am Mass Wednesday 21st December—OLM, Findon After the 6pm Mass

Parish Christmas Party, Celebration of Fr Lancy's 20th Anniversary of his Ordination and 50th Birthday! All are welcome to gather for 9am Mass at SHC on Sunday December 18th, then to celebrate these two big events in Fr Lancy's life with morning tea!

Christmas Day Our Lady of the Manger Findon: Please Note Mass time. Parishioners are reminded that Mass on Christmas Day at Our Lady of the Manger Findon will be at the earlier time of 10.00am (not at the regular time of 11am).

Christmas Collection: The Otherway Centre is the home of the Aboriginal Catholic Ministry (ACM) and the cultural hub of Centacare. Money raised from the Christmas Day Appeal helps fund activities that bring the community together and provide vital healing and yarning opportunities to strengthen cultural and spiritual connections.

New Years Day Parishioners are asked to note that there will be two Masses in the parish on New Year's Day, Sunday 1st January 2023. This will be at Sacred Heart Church Hindmarsh commencing at 9:00am and at Our Lady of the Manger Findon at 11:00am.



Prayer for the fourth week of Advent

Most glorious Saint Joseph, You were a man of true righteousness and integrity. You were open to the inspired gift of faith and chose to walk by that faith as you faced the greatest of mysteries. Please pray for me that I may learn from you and be inspired to imitate the life that you lived.

Saint Joseph, pray for us.

Jesus, I trust in You.

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Thank you to Deacon Timothy Grauel who since April 2022, has served in our Sacred Heart Parish Community, in helping to celebrate Baptisms. We are very grateful to Tim for his commitment to service with us.



Congratulations! Congratulations to Sister Janet Lowe and Sister Margaret Adams, Sisters of Mercy, who celebrate their 60th Year Jubilee on the 19th of December. May God's blessings be upon you both!

Quote of the week

Who except God can give you Peace? Has the World ever been able to satisfy the Heart? St Gerard Majella